

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. Besides that, I live on a fixed income and I feel that I pay enough taxes on my land line, for both federal and state taxes now. Why the taxes alone, on my land line average to almost \$10.00 monthly for the phone and more is added for DSL service too! Plus my independent long distance carrier is subject to these taxes too! Now individual states, are beginning to assess future taxes along with the FCC taxes for cable or satellite TV. When is it going to end? Social Security doesn't even give us the income raises yearly that even come anywhere near equal to those that you people are proposing now, on these vital services, such as cell phone and land line usage.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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